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Official meetings

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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6190th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Morning[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6190th meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

There will be an informal meeting (closed), *today*, 17 September 2009, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on the latest developments. *Member States are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.*

Summit on Climate Change convened by the Secretary-General
(22 September 2009)

The Summit on Climate Change convened by the Secretary-General will be held on Tuesday, 22 September 2009, at 9 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Information on the modalities of the Summit is contained in document A/INF/64/4. Further information, including a background paper by the Secretary-General, can also be accessed at <www.un.org/climatechange/2009summit>.

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General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

The 2nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 18 September 2009, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider the first report of the General Committee (A/64/250)[1] (see p. 6).

[1]To be issued.

High-level event on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries

In partnership with Member States of the United Nations with significant interest in advancing reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, a high-level event on the topic, convened by the Secretary-General, will take place on Wednesday, 23 September 2009, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All Heads of State and Government and their delegations are invited to participate. Participants are requested to confirm their participation at un-redd@un-redd.org. Queries related to the event may also be directed to the same e-mail address (un-redd@un-redd.org).

General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

General debate
(23–26 and 28–30 September 2009)

The list of speakers for the general debate of the sixty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2940B and S-2925). The list of speakers has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

High-level commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)

A high-level event for the commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of UNRWA will take place on Thursday, 24 September 2009, in accordance with resolution 63/91 of 5 December 2008 and decision 63/558 of 11 August 2009. A note verbale regarding the event has been sent to all permanent and observer missions.

Following a ministerial-level breakfast, the event will continue at 9 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki, will open the meeting, with the President of the Palestinian Authority, H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, and the Commissioner-General of UNRWA, Ms. Karen AbuZayd. From 9.30 to 11 a.m., there will be two panel discussions on the theme "Contributing to a better future: UNRWA's record and the road ahead", to be followed by a ministerial segment, from 11 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. The Secretary-General will make opening remarks. For further information, please contact Ms. Noemi Becerra (e-mail becerran@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2254).

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 78 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Election of the Bureau
2. Organization of work (A/C.2/64/L.1 and A/C.2/64/L.1/Add.1)

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 317th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 10

Board of Auditors

United Nations Dispute Tribunal

Hearing

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Open meeting . . . Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

Third Committee

Informal briefing

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (h) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Chairman of the Third Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Normans Penke (Latvia), will hold an informal briefing on the organization of work of the Committee (A/C.3/64/L.1), *today*, 17 September 2009, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 17 September 2009

Group of 77 (on the organizational meeting of the Second Committee)

9–10 a.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 9

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room E

Group of the Least Developed Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 5

UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly: General briefing on the work of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 17 September 2009

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

1 p.m. . . . . Mr. Alexander Downer, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Cyprus

2.30 p.m. . . . . Off-the-record technical briefing on media arrangements for the Summit on Climate Change (22 September) and the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly (23–26 and 28–30 September 2009)

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 18 September 2009

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

10 a.m. . . . . 2nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/64/250)[1]

[1]To be issued.

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 78 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 78 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly will be held, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Monday, 28 September 2009, in Conference Room 5; on Tuesday, 29 September, in Conference Room 3; and from Wednesday, 30 September, to Friday, 2 October, in Conference Room 5.

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 1 October 2009, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/63/397).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items, from Monday, 5, to Monday, 12 October 2009. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (e-mail marrone@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; room S-2977).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Timur Alasaniya, Acting Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (e-mail leong@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; room S-2977)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on a date to be announced.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 1 October 2009, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 5 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Ms. Milena Tekeste (e-mail tekeste1@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4193; room S-2977).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; room S-2977NN)).

Background information on the Committee is available and accessible to Member States and Permanent Observers at <https://4thcommittee.unlb.org>. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Second Committee

General debate

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 5 October 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee.

The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Dolores Lois, *in writing* (e-mail lois@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-2950).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with past practice of the Second Committee, a time limit of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of groups should be observed. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-2950C). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items to be allocated to the Third Committee will open on Monday, 28 September 2009. The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 5 October, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not communicated the composition of their delegation to the Third Committee are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (e-mail 3rdcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-2950D). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 1 October 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/64/L.1.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (c/o Ms. Ana Bürgi (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-0360; room S-2633)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/INF/64/2 will be accepted by e-mail.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth/>.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Fourth session

Guinea-Bissau configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Friday, 18 September 2009, at 3 pm. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board
Sixth session (resumed)

The resumed sixth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 1 October 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 18 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly

Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee
Friday, 18 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2;

Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee
Friday, 18 September 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee
Friday, 18 September 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9106).]

Briefing on the launch of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance (ALMA) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania)

Friday, 18 September 2009, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

African Group (Sixth Committee experts)

Friday, 18 September 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Group of 77 (Twenty-first Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

Wednesday, 23 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of 77 (Thirty-third Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 25 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Commonwealth: Eighth Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs

Thursday, 24 September 2009, at 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Commonwealth: Ministerial Meeting on Terrorism

Thursday, 24 September 2009, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, following the adjournment of the Eighth Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs.

Informal Ministerial Meeting of the Community of Democracies (organized by the Permanent Mission of Lithuania)

Thursday, 24 September 2009, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Caribbean Community: Twelfth informal consultation of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Jamaica)

Friday, 25 September 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Ministerial Meeting of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies (at the ministerial level) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Qatar)

Tuesday, 29 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Eastern European Group (election experts) (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 30 September 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Climate change and development: Global responses and policy challenges" (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS))

Friday, 18 September 2009, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Lawrence de Laubadere, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3125; e-mail delaubadere@un.org).]

UNU Current Affairs Lecture Series: "The Europe's role in the world" (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Friday, 18 September 2009, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Renato Giacon, UNU-ONY (e-mail giacon@unu.edu; tel. 1 (212) 963-6387).]

Ministerial working session on the sixtieth anniversary of the Geneva Conventions — Ensuring respect for international humanitarian law in a changing environment and the role of the United Nations (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

Saturday, 26 September 2009, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Fabienne Thomas-Eichhorn, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail fabienne.eichhorn@eda.admin.ch).]

High-level round table on "The inter-ethnic city: Management and policies for a better integration of migrants" (co-organized by the Alliance of Civilizations, the International Organization for Migration and the Permanent Missions of Canada and Italy)

Monday, 28 September 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. To register, please contact Ms. Chantal Dubois, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail chantal.dubois@international.gc.ca), by Wednesday, 23 September. More information on the event can be found at <www.un.int/iom/Inter-Ethnic%20City.html>.]

Presentation of "El Espíritu Nexos" — an audio-visual educational project (organized by the Alliance of Civilizations, Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Wednesday, 30 September 2009, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, by Friday, 18 September 2009, please contact Mr. Jordi Torrent, Alliance of Civilizations (e-mail torrent@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9917).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Conference of the Parties
Ninth session
Buenos Aires, 21 September–2 October 2009

The ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP (9)) will be held from Monday, 21 September, to Friday, 2 October 2009, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the Hotel Hilton. The session will open on Monday, 21 September, at 3 p.m., followed by the 1st plenary meeting of the Conference.

At the 1st plenary meeting, a limited number of speakers representing major groups of states, specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, regional and other interest groups and non-governmental organizations, will have an opportunity to address the Conference.

A special high-level segment on fostering the implementation of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention will be held on Monday, 28, and Tuesday, 29 September 2009.

The opening ceremony of the special high-level segment will be held on Monday, 28 September, at 10 a.m. Special statements, on behalf of regional and other interest groups, will be made on that occasion.

The high-level segment will hold three ministerial-level round table discussions, as follows:

Monday, 28 September, at 3 p.m., on the theme "The global trends of desertification, land degradation and drought — Liaison with other problems and challenges for decision makers and stakeholders";

Tuesday, 29 September, at 10 a.m., on the theme "Desertification/land degradation and climate change — What role for the land in the ongoing negotiations for a new climate change regime at Copenhagen?"; and

Tuesday, 29 September, at 3 p.m.,on the theme "Partnerships and institutions for combating desertification, land degradation and drought — The path to improvement".

The annotated provisional agenda and the proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document ICCD/COP(9)/1. Documentation for the session is available on the UNCCD Web site at the following address: <www.unccd.int>.

Announcements

Summit on Climate Change convened by the Secretary-General: Pre-recorded video statements

The Summit on Climate Change convened by the Secretary-General, to take place on Tuesday, 22 September 2009, will feature several innovative elements. Among them is an attempt to change the nature of the discussion through active exchanges between participants in the short time available at a one-day event. Therefore, in lieu of live national statements in the plenary, all Heads of State and Government have the opportunity to send in a pre-recorded video statement that will be made available on the Internet, including on the Summit on Climate Change Web site and on YouTube. Guidelines for pre-recorded video statements were distributed to all Member States in note verbale SG/CCST/2 of 4 August 2009. Member States are encouraged to submit their pre-recorded video statements *as soon as possible*.

For technical questions regarding the pre-recorded video statements by Heads of State and Government, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou, Chief, Webcast Unit, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-6733).

Arrangements for the Summit on Climate Change are contained in the information note for delegations (A/INF/64/4).

Live webcast of the general debate of the General Assembly (23–26 and 28–30 September 2009)

The general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly will be broadcast live and on-demand over the Internet (in English and original language). It will be accessible through the United Nations Webcast at <www.un.org/webcast>.

Delegations are invited to send by e-mail an advance electronic copy of their statement, in one or more of the United Nations official languages, to ensure timely and accurate posting of the text on the United Nations Web site and as a step to reducing paper usage. The statements should be sent to dpigaweb@un.org.

Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (Article XIV)

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty will be held at United Nations Headquarters, on 24 and 25 September 2009.

The Conference will convene on Thursday, 24 September, at 8 a.m. in Conference Room 3. It will be suspended at 8.50 a.m. and will resume at 11 a.m. From 9 to 11 a.m., a live video screening of the meeting of the Security Council in connection with the issue of nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation will be broadcast in the same room. The afternoon meeting will take place from 3 to 6 p.m.

On Friday, 25 September 2009, the meetings will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifying States and the name of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (CTBT-Art.XIV/2009/1). This information should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Mr. Thomas Markram, secretariat of the Conference, Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch, Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail markram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0386; fax 1 (212) 963-8892; room S-3140).

The provisional list of speakers for the general exchange of views by ratifiers and signatories is open. For enquiries please contact Ms. Lucia Andaya, Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail andaya@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0386; fax 1 (212) 963-8892; room S-3140).

With reference to paragraph 9.1 of document CTBT-Art.XIV/2009/INF.1*, entitled "Information for participants at the Conference on Facilitating the Entry Into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty", all delegates are reminded that security regulations in force require each and every participant in the Conference be registered and have a valid grounds pass plus a colour-coded access card. Two color-coded access cards will automatically be provided per delegation and should be fetched at the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service (room S-201P), *today,* 17 September 2009. More cards can be requested at the pickup, if required.

Further information on the Conference can be found on the CTBTO Web site <www.ctbto.org> or at the following address: <www.un.org/disarmament/>.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, in Conference Room 9, according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 27 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Spanish*

Tuesday, 27 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Russian*

Wednesday, 28 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *French*

Wednesday, 28 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *English*

Thursday, 29 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Chinese*

Thursday, 29 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Arabic*

Office of the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

Member States are kindly reminded that all communications may be sent to the Office of the President of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly (room S-3235; tel. 1 (917) 367-0292).

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; e-mail mdc@un.org).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 16 September 2009

General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

General Committee

1st meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/64/1 and A/BUR/64/1/Corr.1)

Organization of the session (Section II)

The General Committee decided to address all of the established organizational matters concerning the General Assembly, contained in the Secretary-General's memorandum as a whole.

The General Committee took note of all of the information that it was requested to take note of, decided to draw to the attention of the General Assembly all of the information that was suggested to be drawn to the attention of the General Assembly and to recommend to the General Assembly all that was proposed for action by the General Assembly in Section II of the memorandum by the Secretary-General.

Adoption of the agenda (Section III)

The General Committee took note of paragraphs 49 to 51.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion of items 1 to 8.

Heading A

Item 19

The General Committee decided to defer its consideration of this item to a later date.

Item 41

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon and the United Kingdom.

The General Committee decided to recommend that consideration of this item be deferred to the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly and that it be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security), taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 19 and 41.

Heading B

Item 62

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 62 under heading B.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), taking into account the decision taken regarding item 62.

Heading C

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the item listed under heading C (Development of Africa).

Heading D

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading D (Promotion of human rights).

Heading E

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading E (Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts).

Heading F

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

Heading G

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading G (Disarmament).

Heading H

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading H (Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations).

Heading I

Item 123

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 123 under heading I.

Item 160

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 160 under heading I.

Item 161

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 161 under heading I.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 162 under heading I.

Item 163

Under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Italy made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 163 under heading I.

Item 164

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 164 under heading I.

Item 165

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 165 under heading I.

Item 166

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of item 166 under heading I.

The General Committee decided to recommend the inclusion of the items listed under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), taking into account the decisions taken regarding items 123 and 160 to 166.

Allocation of items (Section IV)

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 53 to 55.

Item 62

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 62 should be allocated to the Second Committee.

Item 123

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 123 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 160

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 160 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 161

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 161 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 162

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 162 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 163

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 163 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Item 164

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 164 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 165

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 165 should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Item 166

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that item 166 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 61 concerning item 44 (Report of the Economic and Social Council).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 62 and 63 concerning item 50 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraphs 64 and 65 concerning item 54 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference).

The General Committee decided to make a recommendation to the General Assembly as suggested in paragraph 66 concerning item 64 (Advancement of Women).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 67 concerning item 71 (Promotion and protection of human rights).

The General Committee decided to make a recommendation to the General Assembly as suggested in paragraph 68 concerning item 96 (General and complete disarmament).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 69 concerning item 105 (International Drug Control).

The General Committee took note of the information contained in paragraph 70 concerning item 107 (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization).

The General Committee decided to make a recommendation to the General Assembly as suggested in paragraph 71 concerning item 118 (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly).

The General Committee decided to make a recommendation to the General Assembly as suggested in paragraph 72 concerning item 128 (Programme planning).

The General Committee decided to make a recommendation to the General Assembly as suggested in paragraph 73 concerning item 137 (Administration of justice at the United Nations).

Item 66

Statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay and the United Kingdom.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that agenda item 66 (Report of the Human Rights Council) be considered in plenary meeting and in the Third Committee, on the understanding that the Third Committee would consider and act on all recommendations of the Human Rights Council to the Assembly, including those that deal with the development of international law in the field of human rights, without prejudice to the right of Member States to present resolutions and decisions on all issues considered in the report of the Council. Taking this recommendation into account, the Assembly, in plenary meeting, would consider the report of the Council on its activities for the year. It was also understood that the current agreement was in no way a reinterpretation of General Assembly resolution 60/251 and that it would be reviewed before the beginning of the sixty-fifth session of the Assembly.

Plenary items

The General Committee decided to recommend the proposed allocation of items in document A/BUR/64/1 and A/BUR/64/1/Corr.1, taking into account the decisions on item 66, item 123, item 160, item 164 and item 165.

First Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/64/1 and A/BUR/64/1/Corr.1, taking into account the decision on item 85, item 118 and item 128.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee items (Fourth Committee)

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/64/1 and A/BUR/64/1/Corr.1, taking into account the decision on item 41, item 118 and item 128.

Second Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/64/1 and A/BUR/64/1/Corr.1, taking into account the decision on item 62, item 64, item 118 and item 128.

Third Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/64/1 and A/BUR/64/1/Corr.1, taking into account the decision on item 66, item 118 and item 128.

Fifth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/64/1 and A/BUR/64/1/Corr.1, taking into account the decision on item 118 and item 128.

Sixth Committee items

The General Committee decided to recommend the allocation of items proposed in document A/BUR/64/1 and A/BUR/64/1/Corr.1, taking into account the decision on item 118, item 128, item 137, item 161, item 162, item 163 and item 166.

Corrigendum

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 1st plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2009/179, p. 20): the text under "Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee" *should read* as follows:

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

The General Assembly decided to appoint the following States as members of the Credentials Committee: Brazil, China, Jamaica, Philippines, Russian Federation, Spain, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Zambia.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Accession: Dominican Republic (10 September 2009)[1]

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Vienna, 22 March 1985

Accession: Timor-Leste (16 September 2009)[1]

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Montreal, 16 September 1987

Accession: Timor-Leste (16 September 2009)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Timor-Leste (16 September 2009)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Timor-Leste (16 September 2009)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Timor-Leste (16 September 2009)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Timor-Leste (16 September 2009)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty Event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2009 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation

United Nations Headquarters (23–25 and 28–29 September 2009)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from Wednesday, 23, to Friday, 25 September, and on Monday, 28, and Tuesday, 29 September 2009, at United Nations Headquarters, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The event, entitled "2009 Treaty Event: towards universal participation and implementation", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties of global reach dealing with topics such as climate change, terrorism, human rights, transnational organized crime, statelessness and the use of nuclear and other weapons that adversely affect civilians.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.163.2009 of 24 March 2009. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2009 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <http://treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. P. Muriel Djella Ogandaga (tel. 1 (917) 367-9820); or Ms. Dina Hamdy (tel. 1 (212) 963-2113)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

Opening for signature (24 September 2009, 8.30 a.m. at the Treaty Signing area in the General Assembly Building, United Nations Headquarters)

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (New York, 10 December 2008)

The Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which was adopted on 10 December 2008 during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly by resolution 63/117 (A/RES/63/117) shall, in accordance with its article 17, be open for signature by any State that has signed, ratified or acceded to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The ceremony for the opening for signature of the Optional Protocol will be held on Thursday, 24 September 2009, at 8.30 a.m. during the 2009 Treaty Event at the Treaty Signing area in the General Assembly Building, at United Nations Headquarters. Following brief remarks by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Chairperson of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and a representative of civil society, the Option Protocol will be opened for signature by the Legal Counsel of the United Nations.

Certified true copies of the Optional Protocol of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, were established on 31 December 2008 and were transmitted to all States by depositary notification C.N.2.2009.TREATIES-1 of 20 January 2009.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Optional Protocol during the signing ceremony or thereafter could notify, and provide, if required, copies of the full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (e-mail depositaryCN@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963 5047).

Opening for signature

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea (New York, 11 December 2008)

The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea was adopted was adopted on 11 December 2008 at the sixty-third session of the General Assembly by resolution 63/122. In accordance with its article 88 (1), the Convention shall be open for signature by all States at Rotterdam, Netherlands, on Wednesday, 23 September 2009, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters.

Certified true copies of the Convention, which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, were established and transmitted to all States by depositary notification C.N.178.2009.TREATIES-2 of 8 April 2009.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section. Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters (e-mail depositaryCN@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: <http://treaties.un.org>.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2009* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Mourad Benmehidi

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Yukio Takasu

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Andrzej Towpik

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Guyana
Mr. George Wilfred Talbot

Western European and other States:
Portugal
H.E. Mr. José Filipe Moraes Cabral

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 16 September 2009.

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General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-fourth session
A/64/13/Add.1 (SUPP)	Report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — Programme budget 2010-2011 — Supplement No. 13A [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/963–S/2009/457	Items 13 and 18 — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan — Letter dated 11 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/964–S/2009/458	Item 15 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 14 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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A/64/211/Corr.1	Item 71 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/64/213/Corr.1	Item 71 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Human rights of migrants — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/64/215/Corr.1	Item 71 (a) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: implementation of human rights instruments — Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/64/298	Item 84 of the provisional agenda — The rule of law at the national and international levels — Annual report on strengthening and coordinating United Nations rule of law activities — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/64/309	Item 69 (b) of the of the provisional agenda — Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/64/341–S/2009/444	Item 10 of the provisional agenda — Report of the Peacebuilding Commission — Report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its third session [A C E F R S]

General Committee

A/BUR/64/1/Corr.1	Organization of the sixty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items — Memorandum by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/64/L.1	Organization of work of the Second Committee — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/64/L.1/Add.1	Organization of work of the Second Committee — Note by the Secretariat — Status of documentation for the session [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/64/L.1/Add.1	Organization of work of the Third Committee — Note by the Secretariat — Documentation before the Third Committee [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
A/64/341–S/2009/444	Report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its third session [A C E F R S]
S/2009/455	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2009/456	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/63/963–S/2009/457	Letter dated 11 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/964–S/2009/458	Identical letters dated 14 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6188	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6189	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1885 (2009)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6188th meeting, on 15 September 2009 [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1886 (2009)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6189th meeting, on 15 September 2009 [A C E F R S]

Secretariat	**Information circulars**
ST/IC/2009/34	Arrangements for admission to United Nations Headquarters during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly [E F (only)]
ST/IC/2009/35	Arrangements for admission to the United Nations Headquarters during the Summit on Climate Change convened by the Secretary-General, to be held on 22 September 2009, and for the period of the general debate of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly, to be held from 23 to 30 September 2009 [E F (only)]

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